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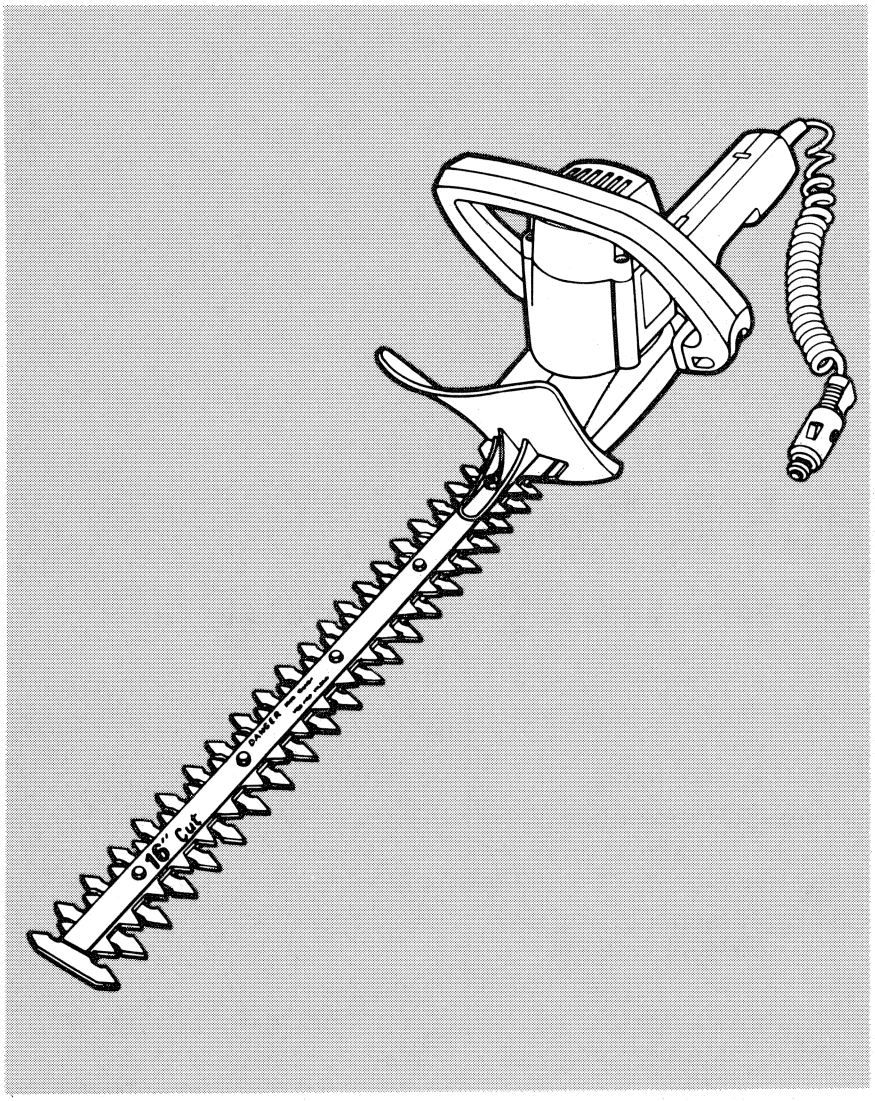

Instruction Manual

GoPack™

Hedge Trimmer

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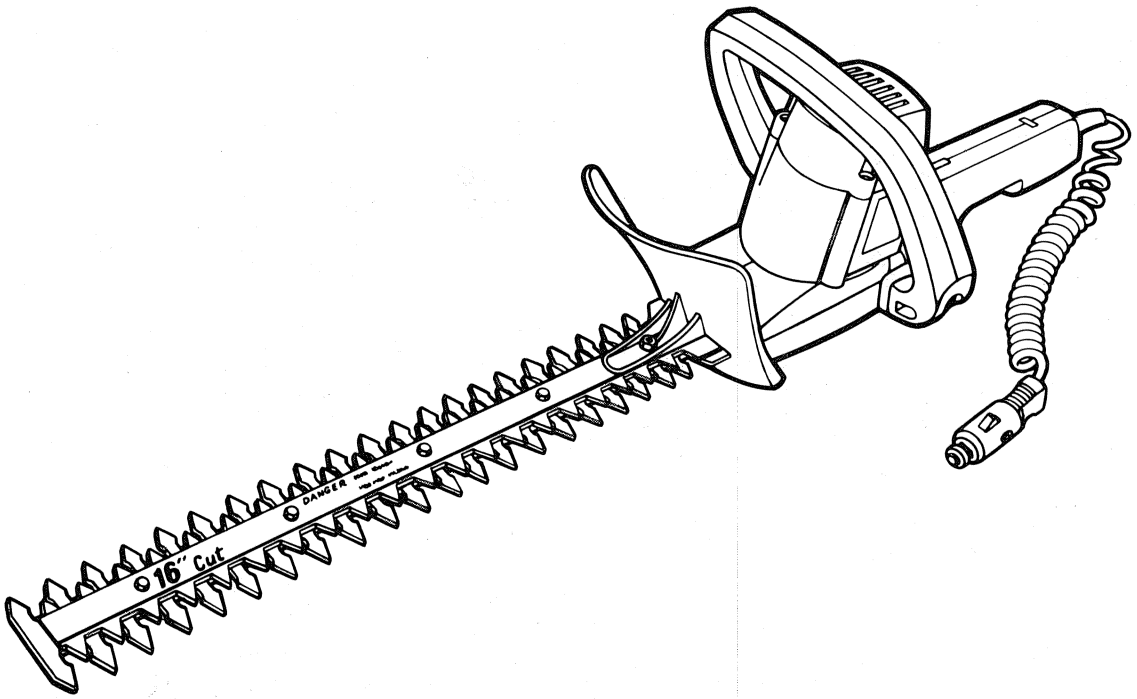

Thanks for Buying a Black & Decker *GoPack™* Hedge Trimmer.

If you already own a Black & Decker Power Tool you know the pleasure a quality, high performance tool can deliver.

Your new GoPack Hedge Trimmer is built in that same tradition that has kept Black & Decker the most respected name in power tools for over seventy years.

Take a few minutes to read this informative instruction manual. Pay particular attention to the safety rules we've provided for your protection.

We want you to enjoy your Black & Decker tool and the more you know about it and its capabilities, the happier you'll be with it.

Thanks for selecting Black & Decker!

Don't forget to send in your owner's registration card.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: To Guard Against Injury, Basic Safety Precautions Should Be Observed, Including the Following:

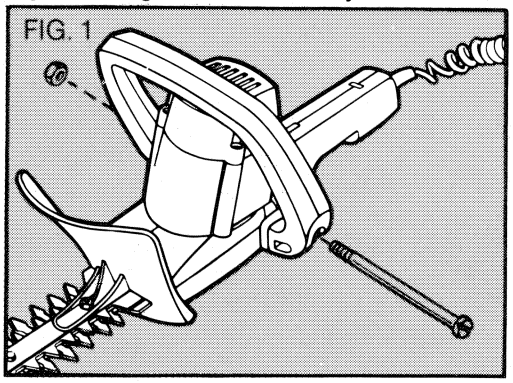
1. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS.
2. DRESS PROPERLY. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of sturdy gloves, nonskid footwear and safety glasses are recommended.
3. STAY ALERT. Watch what you are doing — use common sense. Do not operate trimmer when fatigued.
4. DANGER — CUT HAZARD — KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM BLADES: Keep both hands on handles when power is on. Don't feed twigs into the blade with your hands or reach over the moving blade to pick up clippings. If twigs jam the blade: (a) Turn tool "OFF" and UNPLUG; (b) Use a short stick to push jammed material out of blade teeth. Never grasp the exposed cutting blades or cutting edges when picking up or holding the tool. CAUTION — Blade coasts after turn off.
5. INSPECT CORD PERIODICALLY. Do not abuse cord. Never carry trimmer by cord. Do not yank cord to disconnect from receptacles. Keep cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.
6. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY — Do not permit children to contact trimmer or cord. All children and other visitors should be kept a safe distance from the work area.
7. USE TRIMMER PROPERLY. Use only for trimming the type of shrub, growth, etc., described in the operating instructions. Do not abuse trimmer.
8. DON'T OVERREACH OR STAND ON UNSTABLE SUPPORT. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
9. AVOID ACCIDENTAL STARTING. Do not carry the tool with your finger on the switch.
10. DO NOT LOCK SWITCH "ON" unless essential for a particular operation. Do not leave switch locked on.
11. DISCONNECT (UNPLUG) TRIMMER FROM POWER SUPPLY — When not in use. Before servicing, cleaning, etc.
12. MAINTAIN TOOL WITH CARE. Keep cutting edges sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and proper maintenance.
13. STORE IDLE TOOLS INDOORS. When not in use, the tool should be stored indoors in a dry, high, or locked up place — out of reach of children.
14. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR TRIMMER. To assure product safety and reliability, repairs, maintenance and adjustment should be performed by Black & Decker Service Centers or other qualified service organizations, always using Black & Decker replacement parts.
15. USE RIGHT TOOL. Do not use the tool for any job except that for which it is intended.
16. KEEP HANDS AND ALL PARTS OF BODY AWAY from blade. The edges are sharp and can cause injury even when the tool is "OFF".
17. BEFORE TRIMMING, inspect areas for wires, cords, glass or other foreign objects which could come in contact with the blade.
18. DO NOT operate portable electric tools in gaseous or explosive atmospheres. Motors in these tools normally spark, and the sparks might ignite fumes.
19. WARNING — USE THIS HEDGETRIMMER ONLY WITH THE BLACK & DECKER 12 VOLT GOPACK POWER SUPPLY MODEL 8620. Use of this product with any other power pack could cause personal harm and damage to the unit.
20. Follow all important safety instructions regarding the Black & Decker power supply.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Attaching Bale Handle

TURN OFF AND UNPLUG TOOL.

Position the handle as shown in Figure 1. Feed screw through handle and tool housing in the direction shown in Figure 1. Tighten screw firmly into hex nut.

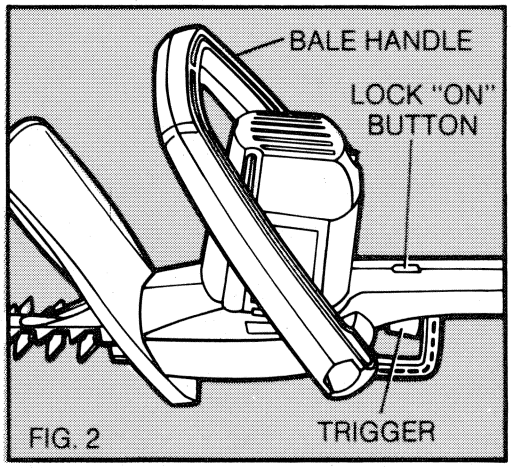


Hedge Trimmer Operation

To turn the trimmer "ON", depress the trigger switch. Release to turn trimmer "OFF".

To lock the trigger switch "ON" for continuous trimming, first depress the trigger. With the tool running, push and hold the "LOCK ON" button forward. Now release trigger, then "LOCK ON" button, and tool will stay "ON".

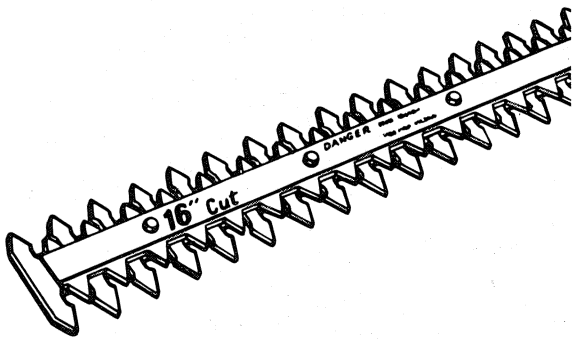
To release the locking mechanism, depress trigger fully, then release it. The trigger will snap out, turning tool "OFF".



Plug Insertion

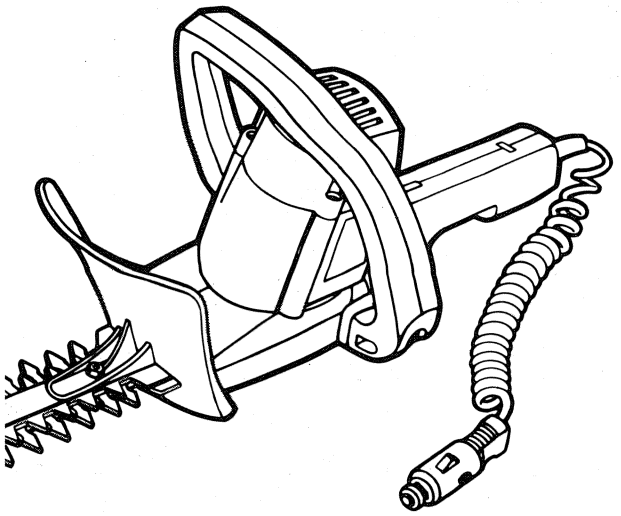
Use this trimmer with 12 volt GoPack Power Supply Model 8620 only.

The 8620 Power Supply must be securely positioned and fastened to the



individual before plugging in the hedge trimmer. Refer to the 8620 Power Supply instruction manual for instructions on how to fasten Power Supply.

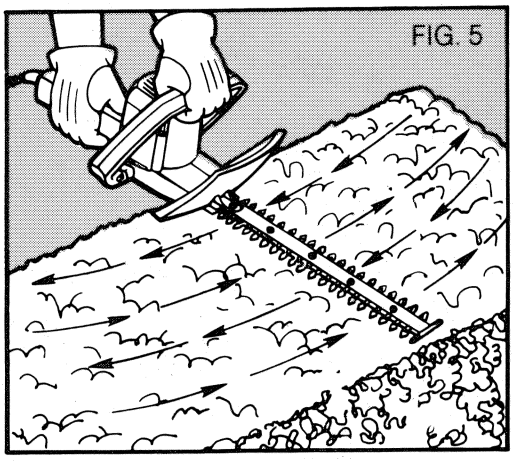
Be sure switch is off. Hold the trimmer by the bale handle with one hand and use your other hand to securely insert the plug into the power supply receptacle Figure 3).



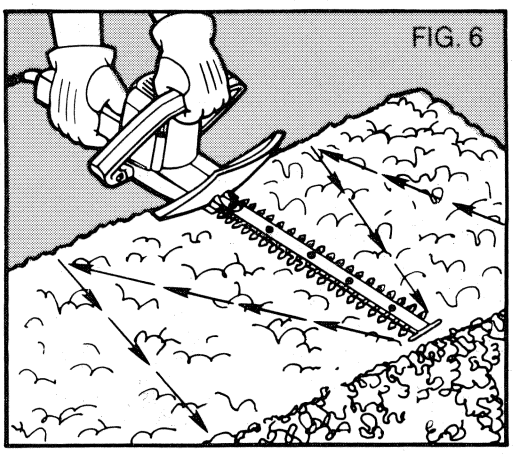
Trimming Instructions

1. SAFETY — Be sure to carefully read and follow the Safety Rules shown on page 3 of this manual.
2. COILED CORD — (Figure 4) — Always keep coiled cord behind Trimmer and away from the trimming operation. Never drape it over a hedge being trimmed. **If you cut or damage the cord, unplug it at the power supply immediately, before inspecting or having the cord repaired.**

3. WORKING POSITION — Maintain proper footing and balance and try not to overreach. Wear safety goggles and gloves when trimming. Hold the tool firmly in both hands and turn the tool "ON". Use extra care when working on ladders.
4. TRIMMING NEW GROWTH — (Figure 5) — A wide, sweeping motion, *feeding the blade teeth through* the twigs is most effective. **A slight downward tilt of the blade, in the direction of motion gives the best cutting.** One sweep will usually cut all twigs in the blade's path, but if not, a second sweep, should lop off the stragglers.



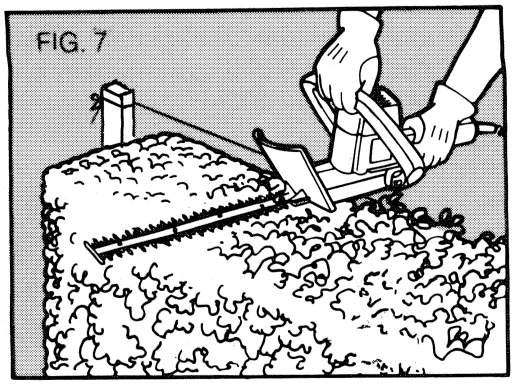
5. TRIMMING HEAVIER GROWTH — (Figure 6) — To cut older growth, with thicker twigs, use a "sawing" motion as you feed the blade through the growth. This clears the blade faster and helps to feed the thicker twigs into the blade teeth. Heavy branches should be fed slowly into the blade, using only a portion of the cutting edges. Should the trimmer stall on these heavy pieces, stop immediately. Back off the blade and start again.



CAUTION: Do not use the Trimmer for cutting stems greater than ⅜" thick. Use the Trimmer only for cutting normal shrubbery found around houses and buildings.

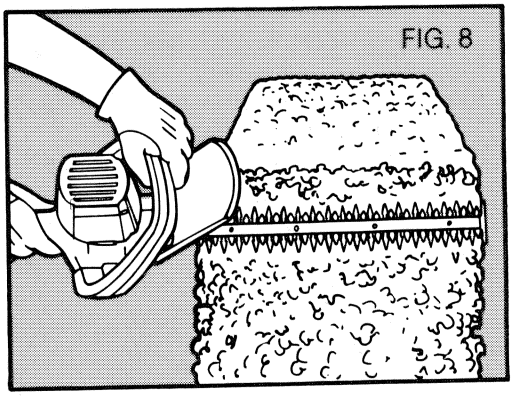
LEVEL HEDGES (Figure 7)

To obtain exceptionally level hedges, a piece of string can be stretched along the length of the hedge at the desired height to serve as a guide line. The hedge may then be cut to just above the string.



SIDE-TRIMMING HEDGES (Figure 8)

Hold the trimmer as shown in Fig. 8 and begin at the bottom and sweep up. To prevent the bottom of the hedge from being overshadowed and becoming spindly through lack of sunshine, round the hedge or taper it inward from bottom to top. These shapes will also be better able to withstand the weight of a heavy snowfall.



Some Trimming Suggestions

HEDGES

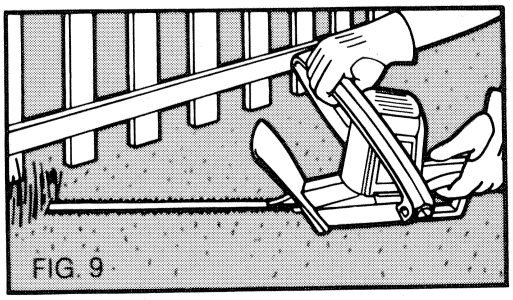
For maximum convenience in trimming and shaping, don't let your hedge grow more than about 5 feet tall and 30 inches wide. During the first year of growth, trim the top two or three times — each time several inches higher than it was after the previous trimming. When the growth at the base of the hedge fills out, start tapering the sides to keep the top of the hedge narrower than the bottom. After the first year, two trimmings during the growing season should be sufficient.

EVERGREENS

Newly planted evergreens should not be trimmed the first year. After the first year, spring-growing varieties should be trimmed once a year, in spring, after the growth has emerged. Species that also grow through the summer should be trimmed in early summer, when new growth is 2 or 3 inches long, and again in midsummer. Trim only the new wood, as old branches without needles will not send out new shoots.

Grass Trimming

The GoPack Hedge Trimmer will also serve as an excellent grass trimmer. Its long, flat blade can be swung left and right to quickly trim large areas. Also, the blade can slide under the bottom of most fences to easily trim this difficult area. See Figure 9. Be careful not to catch fence wire, stones, glass or other such debris in the blade.



Trimmer Failure

Should your trimmer fail to operate check to see if:

1. The power supply circuit breaker has tripped. If so, push to reset.
2. The power supply is not adequately charged. This can be checked by placing the power supply on charge for a minimum of one hour.

Should your trimmer fail to operate after addressing the two items listed above, your power supply may not be charging due to a problem with your house current. Check to see if your house circuit breaker has tripped or a house fuse has blown.

At this point if you have not been able to operate your hedge trimmer, take or send it to your local B&D Service Center for repair. Do not attempt to repair it yourself.

Blade Nicks

The Cutting Blades are made from high quality, heat treated steel and with normal usage, they will not require resharpening. However, if you accidentally hit a wire fence, stones, glass or other hard objects, you may put a nick in the blade. There is no need to remove this nick as long as it does not interfere with the movement of the blade. If it does interfere, use a fine toothed file or sharpening stone to remove it.

Caution

DO NOT use the GoPack Hedge Trimmer with any type of accessory or attachment other than the Cat. No. 8620 Power Supply. Such usage might be hazardous.

Dropping the Trimmer

If you drop the Trimmer, carefully inspect it for damage. If the blade is bent, housing cracked, or handles broken, contact your local B&D Service Center for repairs before putting it back into use.

Preventing Corrosion

Fertilizers and other garden chemicals contain agents which greatly accelerate the corrosion of metals. Do not store the tool on or adjacent to fertilizers or chemicals. A light coating of light machine oil on the blades only will help to prevent rust from forming on the blades and help them to continue running smoothly.

Cleaning

Use only mild soap and a damp cloth to clean the tool. Many household cleaners contain chemicals which could seriously damage the plastic. Also, do not use gasoline, turpentine, lacquer or paint thinner, dry cleaning fluids or similar products. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid.

Lubrication

Self-lubricating bearings are used in the tool and periodic relubrication is not required. However, it is recommended that after two or three seasons of use, you take or send the trimmer to one of our service locations (see TOOLS, ELECTRIC in yellow pages) for a thorough cleaning, inspection and relubrication. If the tool is being used professionally, the above should be accomplished after each trimming season.

WARNING

TO GUARD AGAINST INJURY, OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

- READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE USING, SAVE INSTRUCTION MANUAL.
- KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM BLADES.
- KEEP HANDS ON HANDLES. DON'T OVERREACH.
- CAUTION - BLADE COASTS AFTER TURN-OFF.
- DO NOT USE UNDER WET CONDITIONS.
- DO NOT USE WITH DAMAGED CORD.
- DO NOT UNPLUG OR STORE WITH SWITCH LOCKED ON.
- ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES.

Important

To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustment (including brush inspection and replacement) should be performed by Black & Decker Service Centers or other qualified service organizations. Always using Black & Decker replacement parts. When servicing use ONLY IDENTICAL REPLACEMENT PARTS.

Home Use Warranty (A Full One Year Warranty)

Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. warrants this product for one year. We will repair, without charge, any defects due to faulty material or workmanship or at our option replace the product free. Please return the complete unit, transportation prepaid, to any Black & Decker Service Center or Authorized Service Station listed under "Tools Electric" in the yellow pages. This warranty does not apply to accessories. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights which vary from state to state. Should you have any questions, contact your nearest Black & Decker Service Center manager.

Like most Black & Decker products your tool is listed by Underwriters Laboratories to ensure that it meets stringent safety requirements.

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